

Appln. No. 10/665,674
Amendment dated March 20, 2006
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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1, 2, and 3. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1, 2, and 3, replaces the original sheets including Figs. 1, 2, and 3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 2 and 4 through 6 remain in this application. Claim 3 has been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn or added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action

The drawings have been objected to.

Submitted with this Amendment is applicant's proposed amendment of Figures 1 through 3 of the drawing.

Specifically, the reference numbers from the specification that were identified in the Office Action have been added to the drawings.

The specification has been amended to better correspond to the drawings, and reference numbers have been added and changed to further clarify the drawings, as well as some of the lead lines.

In light of the proposed drawing amendment, it is therefore submitted that the objection to the drawings as originally filed has been overcome, and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action

The specification has been objected to for the informalities noted in the Office Action.

The specification has been amended in a manner to support the recitation of claim 4.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

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Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 (first paragraph) as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention.

The specification has been objected to as not illustrating or disclosing the "locking means" to provide enablement. It is submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art recognizes that virtually every car produced for the United States market since the early-1990's includes a "locking means:" for preventing the turning of the ignition key of a vehicle unless the brake (or clutch) pedal is depressed by the operator of the vehicle, and it is submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art recognizes that such ignition interlock system may be employed by the invention in parallel with the brake/clutch pedal interlock, or a similar system may be added to the vehicle employing the invention.

The "carrier-gas flow controller" of claim 4 is the "carrier-gas supply and flow controller 32" described in the specification and shown in the drawings.

Withdrawal of the §112 (first paragraph) rejection of claims 1, 2, and 4 through 6 is respectfully requested.

Paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 (second paragraph) as being indefinite.

The above amendments to the preambles of the claims, as well as the changes to claims 4 and 5 and the specification, are believed to clarify the requirements of the rejected claims, especially the particular points identified in the Office Action.

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Withdrawal of the §112 rejection of claims 1, 2, and 4 though 6 is therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraphs 9 through 11 of the Office Action

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nawata.

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nawata

Claim 1 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 3, which was indicated as being allowable in the Office Action, and therefore claim 1 and claims 2 and 4 though 6 are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

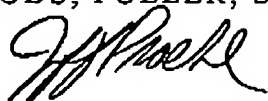
Withdrawal of the §102(b) and §103(a) rejections of claims 1 and 2 is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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